

# Leigh Pride in Place Community Fund Guidance Notes (Revenue grants up to £2,000)

## Fund Overview

The Leigh Pride in Place – Community Fund is a small grants funding programme designed to support community-led activity that builds pride, connection, and participation across Leigh.

The fund forms part of the wider Leigh Pride in Place Programme, which will invest £20 million in the town between 2026 and 2036. This Community Fund focuses on small-scale, grassroots projects, complementing the longer-term regeneration activity taking place through the wider programme.

The fund supports local community organisations to test ideas, deliver community activity, and help residents play a visible role in shaping Leigh as a place that feels cleaner, safer, welcoming, and full of pride.

**For more information on the Pride in Place Programme and other funding opportunities from the Board please visit [www.wigan.gov.uk/leighprojects](http://www.wigan.gov.uk/leighprojects)**

## How Much Can You Apply For?

- Revenue funding - up to £2,000, for example:
  - Activity and delivery costs
  - Equipment and materials (e.g. sports kits/equipment, hand tools/plants)
  - Organisational running costs

## Who Can Apply?

- Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) organisations
- Constituted community and residents' groups
- Small charities

## Applicants must:

- Deliver activity within the Leigh Pride in Place boundary
- Have a community bank account with two signatories (not at the same address). The account must be in the name of the community group/organisation
- Be able to demonstrate community benefit and local engagement

## What Can the Fund Support?

The fund will support small, community-led projects that align with the Leigh Pride in Place vision and objectives, particularly during the 2026–2030 investment period. Priority will be given to projects that contribute to:

## **Priority A – Transforming how people see and experience Leigh**

- Activities that encourage pride in the town, neighbourhoods, or identity
- Cultural, creative, or heritage-based activities
- Community clean-ups, place activation, or local improvement initiatives
- Community events that celebrate Leigh and bring people together

## **Priority B – A town that feels safe and welcoming**

- Community-led activity that improves feelings of safety and belonging
- Projects that animate public spaces positively
- Activities that strengthen neighbourliness and inclusion
- Work that helps residents feel confident to live, work, and visit Leigh

The Board also welcomes projects aligned to other Pride in Place themes where they are community-focused.

### **The fund cannot support:**

- Activities outside Leigh
- Retrospective funding (activity already completed)
- Political or party-political activity
- Projects that exclude sections of the community

### **How will projects be assessed?**

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Alignment with Pride in Place Objectives - clear link to Leigh's Pride in Place priorities and community needs.
- Community Benefit - evidence that the activity benefits local residents and brings people together.
- Inclusion and Accessibility - the project is welcoming, inclusive, and accessible to a broad range of people
- Community Involvement - local people are involved in shaping or delivering the activity.
- Value for Money and Deliverability - the project is achievable, realistic, and proportionate to the funding requested.

### **Governance and Decision-Making**

- Funding decisions will be made in line with Leigh Pride in Place governance arrangements.
- Submission of an application does not guarantee that funding will be awarded, and funding is subject to availability – if the fund is oversubscribed, it may not be possible to fund all projects.
- Awards will support, and not duplicate, larger Pride in Place investments.

## **Reporting and Monitoring**

Successful applicants will be required to provide a short update outlining:

- What activity took place
- Who was involved
- What difference it made locally

This will help the Neighbourhood Board understand impact and learning.

## **When will I be told if I'm successful or unsuccessful?**

Funding decisions are expected to be made in summer 2026.

## **Will I be able to submit another application for funding in the future?**

The Board currently expects there to be future funding rounds and applicants may choose to resubmit projects based on feedback received, or submit alternative projects for consideration.

## **My application includes confidential or sensitive information - how will this information be held and who will it shared with?**

The application will be submitted to Wigan Council and shared with the Neighbourhood Board.

When you submit a funding application on behalf of your organisation or community group, we collect basic personal information about the named representative, such as your name, role, and contact details.

We use this information to:

- administer and assess your funding application
- share your name and role with our Neighbourhood Board, who review applications and make funding decisions

We process this information under our public task functions as a local authority, supported by relevant legislation such as the Localism Act 2011.

We do not collect special category data for this purpose.

Your information is kept securely and only for as long as needed to administer the grant and meet audit and financial requirements. You can find more about your data protection rights in our main privacy notice.

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/DataProtection-FOI-Stats/Privacy-notices/Data-Primary-Privacy-Notice.aspx>

By applying, you acknowledge that the representative's name and organisational details will be shared with the Board as part of the assessment process.

**Where can I find out more information?**

You can find out more information by attending a drop-in session or webinar.

Details on sessions can be found at [www.wigan.gov.uk/leighprojects](http://www.wigan.gov.uk/leighprojects).

You can also get in touch with the [Wigan Borough Communities Team](#).